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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

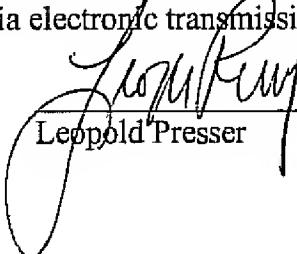
In response to the Office Action of September 14, 2009, wherein the Examiner requests restriction to a single invention pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372; applicants provisionally elect Group I comprising Claims 1-8 drawn to a method for producing a connecting plate.

Furthermore, applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's requirement for restriction noting that the connecting plate, Group II as set forth in Claims 9-12 is

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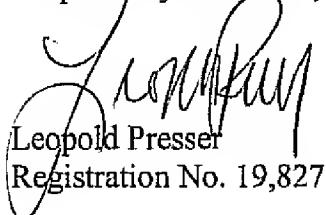

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specifically produced by the elected method of Claims 1-8. In essence, although it may be possible to contemplate that the connecting plate is produced by a modified method, pursuant to the technology the primary method of producing the plate in accordance with the present invention is by means of the manufacturing steps set forth in Claim 1-8. In particular the connecting plate is produced by the extruder profile wherein the latter is cut into connecting plate blanks, and thereafter the profile is cut into lengths conforming these into connecting plate blanks of various thicknesses. This is the simplest and most logical method of producing the connecting plates and consequently there is a clear unity of invention between the elected method of Claims 1-8 and the connecting plate of Claim 9-12 which is essentially produced by the inventive method as elected. Predicated on the foregoing, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the requirement for restriction and that all of the claims be examined in this application.

Furthermore, in the event that the restriction is maintained, applicants of course reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications at the non-elected Claims 9-12.

The early and favorable examination of the application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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